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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 569]

To designate May 8, 1986, as "Naval Aviation Day".

Whereas the official date of the founding of United States naval aviation is May 8, 1911, a date on which Captain Washington Irving Chambers, a naval officer in charge of naval aviation, prepared the requisition for the Navy's first aircraft;

Whereas naval aviation has played a vital role in the development of aviation technology and space exploration;

Whereas naval aviation has contributed much to military history through its participation in World Wars I and II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts;

Whereas naval aviation remains a vital force in our national security with aircraft carrier presence in most oceans and approximately five thousand seven hundred and twenty active, inventoried aircraft at sea and at shore stations;

Whereas the naval aviation flight training program has trained more than one hundred and thirty-six thousand pilots since 1920; and

Whereas it is appropriate, on the day marking the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of naval aviation, that the people of the United States and our friends and allies throughout the world become better acquainted with the history and accomplishments of naval aviation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 8, 1986, is hereby designated as "Naval Aviation Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved May 8, 1986.

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